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Administration Thereof

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by three months pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.: 05-1323. Docket No. 100338.55780US. A fee transmittal is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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